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1. SUMMARY. GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED US REP ON SPECIFIC
AGENDA ITEMS OF SUBJECT MEETING BEYOND GENERAL
DISCUSSIONS HELD AT OES/STATE ON MAY 21. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMENTS BELOW REFER TO AGENDA ITEMS OF AC/137-A/52
QUALIFIED BY REF TELS:

- I. OPENING REMARKS MAY INCLUDE REFERENCE TO ANNUAL
SC YEARBOOK WHICH WE WELCOME AND RECOMMEND FORWARDING
TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BACKSTOPPING AGENCIES IN MEMBER
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COUNTRIES, MAJOR NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL

ORGANIZATIONS (SUCH AS NSF, NAS AND NAE IN US), AND
SELECTED, WIDELY-DISTRIBUTED, SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS.
IF UK INITIATIVE FOR SC ANNUAL REPORT TO NAC IS
DISCUSSED, US DEL SHOULD STRONGLY ENDORSE
IT. THIS ANNUAL REPORT
WHICH SHOULD BE IN MUCH MORE CONCISE AND POLICY ORIENTED
FORM THAN SC YEARBOOK, COULD CONTAIN UNCLASSIFIED
SUMMARY OF YEARBOOK INFO BUT ALSO A RESTRUCTURED SECTION

CONTAINING PROGRAM EVALUATION, AND A DISCUSSION OF
PROBLEMS AND PLANS. THIS ANNUAL REPORT DIRECTED
TOWARDS NAC MEMBERS COULD STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION
WITH THE NAC AND NATIONAL BACKSTOPPING AGENCIES, AND
IMPROVE APPRECIATION OF FUNDING PROBLEMS.

- II. INPUT/OUTPUT INDICATORS. DEPARTMENT AND NSF
INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SECRETARIAT SUMMARY AND ANY
BACKGROUND INFO PERTAINING TO CAWKELL PRESENTATION.

- III-IV. RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM/ASI'S. SUGGEST
SOME DISCUSSION BE DEVOTED TO PROBLEM OF INFORMING
SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY OF AVAILABILITY OF PROGRAMS AND
OPPORTUNITIES BY BOTH SECRETARIAT AND NATIONAL BACK-
STOPPING ORGANIZATIONS. SELECTED STATISTICAL INFO
WOULD BE USEFUL IN SC ANNUAL REPORT BUT IT WOULD BE
GOOD TO LINK SUCH INFO TO PROJECT EVALUATION AS FAR AS
THAT MAY BE POSSIBLE; E.G. CASE STUDIES OF RESEARCH
PROJECTS GIVEN MODEST CATALYTIC SUPPORT WHICH LEAD
TO CONTINUING, LARGE SCALE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
PROJECTS BEYOND NATO SUPPORT.

- V. FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM. NOTE VALUE TO US WHERE
NATO PROGRAM FILLS SIGNIFICANT GAP IN NSF PROGRAMS.

- VI. SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS. RECENT PANEL REPORTS
PLUS RECORD OF FEBRUARY 1975 MEETING PROVIDE VALUABLE
BACKGROUND FOR DISCUSSION THIS ITEM. WE HOPE FALL 1975
FINAL REVIEW MEETING WILL LEAD TO TERMINATION
OF CERTAIN PANELS WITH POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING PANELS
IN NEW PROMISING RESEARCH AREAS. SUGGEST SOME
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DISCUSSION BE GIVEN TO PROBLEM OF SECRETARIAT/SC/
NATIONAL BACKSTOPPING AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS IN
IDENTIFYING NEW RESEARCH AREAS.

- VII. FINANCIAL MATTERS. US REP AUTHORIZED TO
SUPPORT ASG RECOMMENDATION TO REQUEST 1976 FINANCIAL
SUPPORT AT CONSTANT LEVEL OF REAL ACTIVITY. WE MUST
RECOGNIZE THIS REQUEST WILL BE JUDGED WITHIN THE

CONSTRAINTS OF OVERALL CIVIL BUDGET. THEREFORE,
IMPORTANT THAT PROPOSED BUDGET/PROGRAM BE ABLY
PRESENTED AND DEFENDED. ALSO IMPORTANT THAT SC MEMBERS
SEEK SUPPORT OF RESPECTIVE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES PRIOR
TO TIME WHEN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET CONSIDERED BY CIVIL
BUDGET COMMITTEE.

- VIII. REVISION OF REGULATIONS. ALTHOUGH THIS
IS ORAL REPORT, RECOMMEND FINAL REPORT BE DISTRIBUTED
WELL IN ADVANCE OF FALL MEETING IN ORDER TO OBTAIN

PROPER NATIONAL REVIEW.

- IX-X. OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE MEETINGS. IN VIEW OF
RESTRICTIONS ON HOLDING MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF NATO
HEADQUARTERS, US DEL MAY AS APPROPRIATE QUESTION
VALUE AND WISDOM OF SCHEDULING ANY FUTURE MEETINGS
AT NATIONAL CAPITALS. KISSINGER

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